

I am appalled at Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election. Whether for one candidate or the other is irrelevant. This is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation and unfettered power.

Whatever happened to unbiased journalistic integrity. We expect and deserve better from the public airwaves in the United States. If this is not stopped is it any better than the propaganda being fed to the Middle Eastern Countries through their airwaves?

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large corporations bought and paid for by lobbyists control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for their bottom line and less of what the American public needs to sustain this great democracy. Instead of something pre-packaged and produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter to all.

Sinclair's abuse of power shows why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. It should involve the strictest scrutiny. Thank you.